

REMARKS

Claims 14-18 and 20-33 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1-13 and 19 are being canceled. Claim 14 is being amended. Claims 20-33 are new. No new matter is being presented.

The Abstract was objected to because of the inclusion of "comprises." The Abstract is being amended as suggested by the Examiner.

The applicant appreciates the indication that claim 19 was directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 14 is being amended to include the features of claim 19, which is being canceled. Therefore, claim 14 and dependent claims 15-18 are in condition for allowance.

New claims 20-33, like amended claim 14, are directed to a semiconductor structure that includes:

- a first contact coupled to a first one of the source and drain regions and positioned on a first portion of the gate electrode;

- a second contact coupled to a second one of the source and drain regions;
- and

- a dielectric layer positioned on a second portion of the gate electrode and being defined on opposite sides by the first and second contacts.

The first and second contacts and the dielectric layer are the features that were recited in claim 19 which the Examiner indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, new claims 20-33 are likewise in condition for allowance.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable.
Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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